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Foes of Whitman To Renew Battle

Will Act at Federation of Agriculture Meeting, Poughkeepsie, Thursday

A renewed effort by the Republican anti-Whitman forces in the state to keep the fires burning among the upstate farmers in opposition to the Governor's aspirations for a third term, will be made Thursday at a meeting of the New York Federation of Agriculture at Poughkeepsie. William M. Bennett and other Republicans who would like to see Justice James C. Crosey, of Brooklyn, run against Governor Whitman in the September primaries for the nomination, will be on hand to encourage the rural opposition to Whitman.

A statement issued yesterday from Mr. Bennett's office said: "The farmers have not yet been placated by Governor Whitman's new nominations (on the State Council of Farms and Markets) and it is expected that at the meeting at Poughkeepsie on March 14 emphatic action will be taken to show their disapproval of Governor Whitman's action in making the Department of Agriculture the football of politics."

Fire Blank Cartridges In Payroll Hold-Up

Employees of the Munves & Berlin Company, at 715 Broadway, didn't get their pay envelopes until several minutes after 5 o'clock yesterday. That they got them at all is due to the tenacity with which William D. Unger, the paymaster, hung on to the \$3,800 payroll when three hold-up men assailed him in the entrance of the building.

When the tough-and-tumble had lasted several minutes one of the robbers fired four shots from his revolver. When a crowd had gathered to see what the shooting was about the robbers mingled with it and escaped. Two revolvers were found in the vicinity. Both of them were loaded with blank cartridges and one of them contained four empty shells.

Edison Company Denies Waging War On Small Plants

No Effort Made to Close Them, Vice-President Lieb Testifies

No Collusion, He Says

Insists He Was Always Ready to Furnish Breakdown Service to Private Individuals

John W. Lieb, vice-president of the New York Edison Company, yesterday read a statement before the Public Service Commission declaring that his company at no time had sought to take advantage of the war situation and the shortage of coal to encourage the closing down of individual lighting plants. His statement was in answer to testimony offered last week by hotel owners and managers of individual plants tending to show that it was the interest of the Edison company to have isolated plants closed.

The hearing is on the subject of whether small individual lighting plants can be operated as economically as a central plant. It was undertaken at the request of the national fuel administration, which may close all individual plants in the country if it is found that lighting can be furnished with less consumption of coal by the central plants.

Denied Propaganda Work. Mr. Lieb stated that the Edison company had never refrained from showing by statistics and other evidence that it could furnish electric light with less coal consumption than

Government Warns Of Seed Profiteering

Prompt Action To Be Taken, Say Hoover and Houston In Statement

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Profiteering in seeds was charged by Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Food Administrator Hoover in a joint statement to-night, which said that prompt action in such cases would be taken whenever specific information was submitted. Many complaints of abnormally high prices are being received.

"Without adequate distribution of seed at reasonable prices, there is danger that the seed will be lessened and that seed of poor quality will frequently be used," the statement said. "If such conditions were to develop, it would seriously impair our national food programme."

Some increase in prices of certain seeds was said to be justified by the shortage of supply and the increased cost of doing business. The two officials were emphatic, however, in holding that this did not justify any one in taking "selfish advantage of the opportunity of doing business." Speculation in seeds especially was deprecated and dealers under Federal license were warned that if they engaged in such practice they would be dealt with severely.

Missing Man Is Found Suicide in Broadway Hotel

John W. Turrill, private secretary to the manager of the Bridgeport Wood Finishing Company, a du Pont enterprise, committed suicide early yesterday morning in the Hotel Breslin by cutting his throat with a safety razor blade. He had been missing for three days, and his family had informed the police of his disappearance.

Officials of the Bridgeport Wood Finishing Company, at 6 East Thirty-third Street, were at a loss to explain the suicide. Mr. Turrill had been with the company for thirty years, and was transferred to the New York office from New Milford, Conn., when the company was taken over by the Du Ponts last January. His integrity was unquestioned, executives said, and his accounts were in perfect order. Friends pronounced Mr. Turrill a man of exemplary habits.

Mr. Turrill left the office of the company last Friday afternoon. He was in good spirits and explained that he was to meet his wife at the Grand Central Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Turrill was coming to establish a home in this city.

When Turrill failed to meet his wife and did not return to the home of Norman H. Haskell, at 159 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, where he had lived since coming to the city, he was reported missing to the police, and a general alarm was sent out. Four days later, his body was found in the room at the hotel by employees early yesterday afternoon. The house physician said he had been dead for several hours, having severed his jugular vein with a safety razor blade. Two letters, one to his wife and another to his lawyers, were found on the bureau.

He had registered under his own name and gave New Milford, Conn., as his address, at the hotel Saturday morning.

Mr. Turrill had one son in the 308th Field Artillery, at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.

Mrs. Turrill is at the home of Mr. Haskell, prostrated with grief. Donald Turrill, her soldier boy, came to New York as soon as he was informed that his father had disappeared, and is helping the police investigate the mystery of the case.

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News in Brief

Homebound-bound Brooklynites were delayed from two hours by a car on the Sea Beach line jumping the track at Seventeenth Street. Mrs. Mary Whidden, guard on the car, was thrown to the floor, but refused medical attention and aided in quelling the passengers.

Detectives have gone to Jacksonville, Fla., to bring back a man believed to be Edward Kohn, or Kold, who is wanted in connection with a hold-up at 15 West One Hundred and Eighteenth Street.

John Crowe, of 267 Warren Street, and Frank Mahoney, of 15 West One Hundred and Eighteenth Street, were severely burned when a gasoline torch fell and exploded in a pool house at Teak's Yacht Basin, Brooklyn.

The will of Thomas F. O'Connor, just filed, discloses bequests of \$37,075 to Cardinal Farley, \$2,000 to Monsignor Lavette, and the balance of the estate to the testator and his "faithful housekeeper." The estate is valued at \$16,159.

Mary and Elizabeth, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Clark, of 102 Bryant Avenue, Jamaica, have enlisted in the United States navy, as yeomen. Their brother enlisted some time ago as a yeoman in the navy and they have merely followed his example.

Samuel Gorn, electrician at the Jefferson Theatre, 214 East Fourteenth Street, was accidentally shot and killed by Morris Jaffe, nineteen years old, of 15 West One Hundred and Eighteenth Street.

Henry Roll, nineteen, of 201 East Second Street, was held on a charge of manslaughter by Magistrate Appleton, in the West Side Court, in connection with the death of James Roll, seven years old, of 445 West Fifty-third Street, who was killed by a motor truck driven by Roll. Roll was fined at \$1,000.

Heights Tenants Ask Legislature To Insure Heat

Will Have Bill Introduced To-day to Force 12-Hour Minimum

Another heatless winter for occupants of apartments on Washington Heights will never come to pass if a bill fostered by them and to be introduced in the state Legislature to-day is endorsed by the Albany lawmakers.

The trials and vicissitudes of rent-payers have been aired to a greater extent this season in the courts of the city than ever before, says William A. Herman, chairman of the Washington Heights Tenants' League, and the measure, which will be presented by Assemblyman Earl A. Smith, of the 23d District—also a rentpayer—is designed to afford ironclad protection.

To begin with, it calls for a standard lease for all landlords and tenants, so that standard penalties may be inflicted upon violators. And tenants renting from month to month are to be bound by a lease, as well as those renting by the year.

Further, the bill provides that each landlord must provide during the cold weather a minimum of twelve hours of heat a day. In the case of violations, landlords are to be fined amounts based upon the rent the tenants pay.

"There is no desire to threaten landlords," said Mr. Herman yesterday at his offices with the State Industrial Commission, 230 Fifth Avenue. "We are asking only our just due. A flimsy charge by one tenant will not be sufficient to bring a landlord to the courts of law. It must be substantiated by other occupants of apartments in the same building."

"We are simply resolved to prevent experiences such as those to which we were compelled to submit this winter. There is no reason why tenants should pay for heat and hot water when they don't get them."

It is also provided in the bill to be introduced to-day that not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given to tenants who are asked to vacate their apartments.

Mr. Herman emphasized the favorable treatment accorded tenants in court actions in recent months.

"In one case," he said yesterday, "we were granted an allowance of 50 per cent of our rent for February by Justice Crane, sitting in the Seventh Municipal Court, and the landlord voluntarily deducted 10 per cent for this month. This action benefited 152 families. And so convinced was the landlord that he had been in the wrong that when he wished to dispossess two tenants for non-payment of rent he asked us whether we would fight such a move."

"We did not, however, for our mission is not to champion evicts, but simply ask justice for good citizens."

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Garfield's Coal Price To Close Some Mines

Increased Production by Larger Concerns to Make Up Shortage, Says Fuel Head

[Staff Correspondence] WASHINGTON, March 11.—Fuel Administrator Garfield to-day admitted that under the revised government prices for coal at the mouth of the mine from 1 to 5 per cent of the mines would be compelled to cease operations. The fuel administration said this would be confined largely to mines producing domestic coal.

In defense of price fixing which compelled the cessation of mining operations in certain sections of the country, Dr. Garfield stated that the government prices would be so advantageously set that the greater percentage of mines that the increased output stimulated among the latter would more than compensate for the lost tonnage induced by involuntary closing of the smaller percentage of mines.

The mines closed will be in all cases those in which the cost of production is too high to permit the government to fix a price which would allow their operation, Dr. Garfield stated. When asked if the country would require every pound of coal that could be produced, he said he believed the domestic supply could do without the high-priced coal that was being eliminated. If the railroads are able to handle the fuel during the coming winter there will be no coal shortage on account of lost production, he stated.

Dealers Promise Plenty of Ice for Coming Summer

It may be consoling to New Yorkers who shivered during the coal famine that there will be plenty of ice this summer for home consumption. At least, that was the testimony of Wesley M. Oler, president of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, yesterday before the general welfare committee of the Board of Aldermen, which is investigating the ice situation.

Mr. Oler also declared that ice would be sold at "a reasonable price." He declined to state any fixed price, but said he didn't think 50 cents a hundred pounds was too much. Mr. Oler told the committee that he had just returned from Washington, where he was assured that the government would release enough ammonia for the manufacture of artificial ice required to make up the needs beyond the supply of natural ice.

The witness testified that his company, one of the largest ice distributors in the state, had harvested this year between 1,000,000 and 1,200,000 tons of Hudson River ice, and also operated fifteen artificial ice plants. He pointed out that the ice business was essentially a summer hotel proposition, and that profits had to be made during the five warm months. His company, he declared, operated at a loss of \$700,000 for seven months of the year. If the city were to go into the ice business, he said, there should be one central depot, from which all deliveries in the city should be made.

Mr. Oler and other manufacturers and dealers testified that pursuant to the request of the chemical division of the Federal food and fuel administration the ice manufacturers had reduced the use of ammonia. The number of artificial ice plants in this city has been reduced from seventy to twenty.

John W. Scott, general manager of Burns Brothers' Ice Company, testified that his company would handle over one million tons of natural ice this summer, which was 100 per cent over the usual supply. He said that 90 per cent of the ice used in this market is cut from the Hudson River, and that it had been proved to be absolutely pure. Members of the aldermen's committee questioned all the witnesses in regard to the advisability of the city going into the ice business this summer. The consensus was that it would be a good thing to centralize distribution, and that if the city would take over the plants, equipment and service of the companies there was little doubt that the city would be allowed a reasonable profit on their investment.

The hearing will be continued Thursday in the Aldermanic Chamber at the City Hall.

Natural Ice Crop In State Doubled. ALBANY, March 11.—The natural ice crop harvested this year exceeds the normal cutting by more than 1,500,000 tons, or about double the usual amount harvested, Democratic Leader Wagner, of the Senate, declared to-night in arguing for the passage of certain technical amendments to the ice control bill. He measured, which was recommended by the State Ice Controller, Benjamin B. Odell, was passed by a vote of 36 to 2.

Jail Term for Mail Driver

Magistrate House Also Lectures Him on Carelessness

James J. Warren, the first mail driver to be convicted in the Traffic Court since the government took over the mail truck service on January 1, started a term of ten days in the Tombs yesterday for shoving a trolley car at Fourth Avenue and Twenty-first Street faster than the law allows. Magistrate House gave him the alternative of \$30 fine, but he did not have the money.

"The sooner you drivers of mail trucks get out of your heads that if you shove a trolley car that you may drive in the streets when you please, where you please and as you please," said Magistrate House, "the better it will be for you. Right of way means that if a traffic policeman is about to shut off north and south bound traffic and open up west and east bound traffic he may single you out and let you pass, provided he thinks it can be done with safety. But he may hold a parade and allow you to proceed."

Would-Be "Movie Queen" Plan to Escape Fails. Selma Barney, sixteen years old, who has blue eyes, sunny hair and lips like cherries, ran away from her home at 444 East 147th Street, The Bronx, on Friday to be a "movie queen." Patrolman Yost, of the Alexander Avenue police station, recognized her last night as she stood peering at a poster in front of a theatre in Melrose Avenue. She admitted her identity and started with him to the police station.

Before they had gone a block, however, sunny-haired Selma raised her hand and Patrolman Yost to her cherry lips and bit his right index finger at most off before he could pry her loose. But things worked out differently than in the "movies," and the patrolman still insisted that she accompany him to the station house.

Hoover Names New Food Committee. WASHINGTON, March 11.—An advisory committee of representative producers of foodstuffs and livestock has been formed by Secretary Houston and Food Administrator Hoover, to the advice of national agricultural problems. The committee will be held into conference frequently.

Members of the committee were selected with reference not only to the large agricultural interests, but also to geographical considerations. The following were announced to-day as members who already have accepted: E. S. Brigham, St. Albans, Vt.; David B. Cook, Hartsville, E. C.; W. K. Hodson, Spencer, Idaho; G. W. Hagenbarts, Bates, Idaho; G. W. Butt, Logan, Iowa; W. H. Jeffers, Parkersburg, N. J.; D. O. Mahoney, Vinona, Wis.; Lewis F. Massie, Chillicothe, Ohio; William F. Pratt, Bala, N. Y.; George C. Roeding, Fresno, Cal.; Marion Sansom, Fort Worth, Tex.; Henry G. Stuart, Elk Garden, Va.; C. L. Tyson, Florida, Penn.; Oliver Wilson, Poria, Ill.

Divens to Start Baseball April 1

AYER, Mass., March 11.—Plans to start the baseball season about April 1 were made to-day by athletic directors at Camp Divens. In addition to the army base, which a number of college and college stars will appear, there will be about 200 company teams.

The company and inter-regimental games will be arranged to start April 1.

Violations of wheatless Mondays and beefless and porkless Tuesdays, the rule requiring all dealers to sell one pound of substitutes with every pound of flour and other food conservation regulations, have become so flagrant in New York that the Federal Food Board yesterday issued a warning that offenders hereafter "may expect drastic punishment."

The warning was issued after a conference between Food Administrator Hoover and John Mitchell, chairman of the local board, and Arthur Williams, local food administrator. Mr. Hoover let it be known that he intended to inflict extreme punishment on those who fail to regard food conservation seriously.

He gave his consent to the closing to-day of fifty-seven restaurants and lunchrooms whose proprietors had confessed to having ignored the regulations. These places will remain closed until midnight to-night. Signs on their doors announced that they had been closed for twenty-four hours because they had violated the regulations.

East Side Bakers Warned. Then the board summoned one hundred East Side bakers, who were told that they had not been making Victory bread exclusively. They were warned that unless they put 20 per cent of substitutes in their bread their supplies would be cut off. Other bakers reported that the use of Victory bread was general throughout the city.

The warning to offenders was issued in connection with the announcement that Mr. Hoover had approved of the closing of the fifty-seven eating places. It says: "The board takes this opportunity of informing every establishment serving food to the public, whether hotel, or restaurant, or places known as 'beef-and-pork' that food regulations were made to be observed and that every offender may expect even more drastic punishment than has been given to the fifty-seven offenders in this instance. The limit will exercise its authority to the limit."

"Owners of lunchrooms have no excuse for not serving their customers proper substitutes on beefless and porkless days. Those of them who may not know of the changes are hereby informed that they are permitted to serve mutton and lamb on beefless and porkless Tuesdays. The hotel trade should also keep these substitutes in mind when making up their bill of fare for Tuesday."